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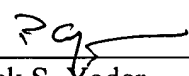
Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has restricted examination of claims 1-28 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner restricted claims 1-24 to Invention 1 as being drawn to a method of manufacturing a work-piece, and the Examiner restricted claims 25-28 to Invention 2 as being drawn to an ultrasound transducer array.

Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 1-24 of Invention 1. By the present response, Applicants have cancelled claims 25-28 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application. This election is made without traverse.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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